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Re: In re: Docket to Determine the Compliance of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.'s  
Operations Support Systems with State and Federal Regulations, Tennessee Regulatory  
Authority, Docket No. 01-00362

Dear Mr. Barber and Ms. Anderson:

We received a courtesy copy of your Motion for Summary Finding with respect to KPMG Consulting, Inc.'s report prepared for the Georgia Public Service Commission regarding BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.'s Operational Support System. In an effort to accommodate the Tennessee Regulatory Authority in its understanding and analysis of the Georgia Final Report and the OSS test conducted in Georgia, KPMG Consulting is willing to authorize AT&T Communications of the Southern States to use before the TRA the discovery obtained by AT&T from KPMG Consulting in related proceedings in Georgia and in North Carolina. In addition, as a courtesy to the TRA, KPMG Consulting is willing to undertake reasonable efforts to clarify for the TRA any issues of fact regarding the Georgia Final Report.

Finally, as AT&T and other CLECs may be well aware, testing in Florida is on-going. Consequently, the Florida Public Service Commission has given specific instructions to KPMG Consulting to maintain the integrity of information related to the Florida test. Therefore, any

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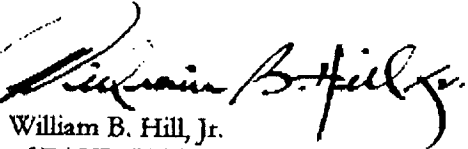
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inquiries regarding the Florida test must be directed strictly to the Florida Public Service Commission.

Please get back to us in writing by 5:00 p.m. EST, on Wednesday, October 31, 2001, to let us know whether you will accept this offer.

Sincerely,



William B. Hill, Jr.

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